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## **Senator Gilbert Seeks ‘Maritime Capital of the Great Lakes’ Distinction for Port Huron**

(LANSING) – The City of Port Huron’s claim to the title of “Maritime Capital of the Great Lakes” received a boost this week when state Senator Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, introduced Senate Resolution 3. The resolution would add the formal recognition of the Michigan Senate to Port Huron’s effort to establish the “maritime capital” moniker as its own.

“From the Blue Water Bridge to the Mackinac Race to the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse – as well as the numerous maritime-related festivals and events held throughout the year – Port Huron possesses many distinctions that make the city well-deserving of this maritime capital of the Great Lakes distinction,” Gilbert said.

Port Huron offers visitors and residents alike an excellent vantage area for up close viewing of American and international ship traffic, and is the best easily accessible deep water port on the Great Lakes. Steeped in maritime history and tradition, the city is the biggest tourist attraction in the region.

The city annually hosts the Mackinac Race; arguably the most renowned racing event held on the Great Lakes. Port Huron also is home to numerous other popular Great Lakes attractions such as the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, the Huron Lightship and the tall ship Highlander Sea.

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In seeking the maritime capital distinction, the Port Huron City Council has also adopted a similar resolution, and has filed trademark paperwork with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to formally secure the designation.

Senate Resolution 3 will be addressed by the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee Tuesday, February 11.